

WRNC Symposium – General Membership Banquet Meeting – Saturday, January 29th, 2011

- 1) Linda Bergman, WRNC President, called the meeting to order and welcomed all members in attendance. The outgoing board members (Beth Knapp-Tyner, Lauren Powers, Elizabeth Hanrahan, and VSL Toni Poston) were recognized for their service to the WRNC board and each was presented a WRNC Certificate of Recognition.
- 2) Toni O'Neil, Nominating Committee Chair, introduced the six candidates who were running for the Board of Directors. These were: Nicki Dardinger, Laurie Degernes, DMV (incumbent), Kelli Ferris DVM, Christina Hildreth, David Scott DVM, and Linda Woodruff.
- 3) It was explained that even though there were 6 names on the ballot, there were only 5 positions open, so therefore, WRNC members could only vote for 5 names. It was also pointed out that only active members were eligible to vote in the election. Ballots were handed out to all active members by Toni and Kathy Lillard. Ballots were collected by Toni and Carla Johnson, who then proceeded to count the votes.
- 4) An announcement was made indicating that Jennifer Gordon had lost her silver goose brooch, and if anyone finds it, to please give it back to her. She thought it had fallen into the bags of medical supplies when she was helping sort them out earlier during the symposium.
- 5) Laurie Degernes reminded everyone to please fill out a symposium evaluation form and turn it in before leaving on Sunday. She explained how the Vet School had been gracious in letting WRNC hold their symposium at the school. She also asked everyone to remember where they were permitted to travel and to avoid going down halls that were off limits to get outside. Vet students, board members, etc. would be available to help if you were lost and could not find your way around. Laurie indicated she had received complaints of symposium attendees accidentally wandering the clinic halls, and she would see that more signs were made and posted to correct this and prevent it from happening on Sunday.
- 6) Election results were in, and the new board members were announced. They are: Nicky Dardinger, Laurie Degernes, Christina Hildreth, David Scott, and Linda Woodruff. They were welcomed to join the board of 2011.
- 7) Linda adjourned the meeting.
- 8) Laurie introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Massey, and he presented a slide show on the Gulf Oil Spill. It was an excellent presentation, and everyone saw how the disaster was handled and the birds treated.
- 9) The evening finished with DJ Deb Boz providing music. She also helped teach those with two left feet and who shall remain nameless, how to do several different dances, and those who remained to enjoy the music and dancing had a wonderful time.

Submitted: Toni O'Neil, WRNC Secretary
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